

What's Next Workshop for Certified MBEs

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- Small Business Eligibility
 - Other than a nonprofit
 - Certified by the Department of General Services
 - Cannot be a broker
 - Independently Owned, not a subsidiary of another firm
 - Is not dominant in its field of operation
 - Must meet criteria in its category

- Small Business Eligibility
 - Wholesale fewer than 50 persons.
 Gross sales less than \$4,000,000
 - Retail fewer than 25 persons. Gross sales less than \$3,000,000
 - Manufacturing fewer than 100 persons. Gross sales less than \$2,000,000

- Small Business Eligibility
 - Service fewer than 100 persons. Gross sales less than \$10,000,000
 - Construction fewer than 50 persons.
 Gross sales less than \$7,000,000
 - A/E Services fewer than 50 persons.
 Gross sales less than \$4,500,000

- Small Business Preference
 - Agency requests bids from qualified bidders, including small businesses
- Small Business Reserve
 - Agency requests bids only from qualified small businesses

SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE

- Small Business Preference
 - -5% Price Preference
 - 7% Veterans Preference
 - 8% Service Disabled Veterans
 Preference
 - Applies to Transportation, General Services, Morgan State University and Public Safety in connection with construction of State Correctional Facilities

SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE

- Small Business Reserve
 - Procurements can be designated SBR only
 - Small businesses only compete against other small businesses
 - 23 Departments designated to participate in the SBR program
 - Annual Goal of 10% of payments

RESERVE AGENCIES

- Treasurer
- Environment
- General Services
- Health & Mental Hygiene
- Housing &Community Dev.

- + Human Resources
- Juvenile Services
- Labor, Licensing & Regulation
- Natural Resources
- Education
- State Police

RESERVE AGENCIES

- Public Safety
- Transportation
- University System
- Port Commission
- Retirement
- MD InsuranceAdmin.

- Stadium Authority
- Lottery Agency
- Morgan State Univ.
- MD Transportation Authority
- Information Technology

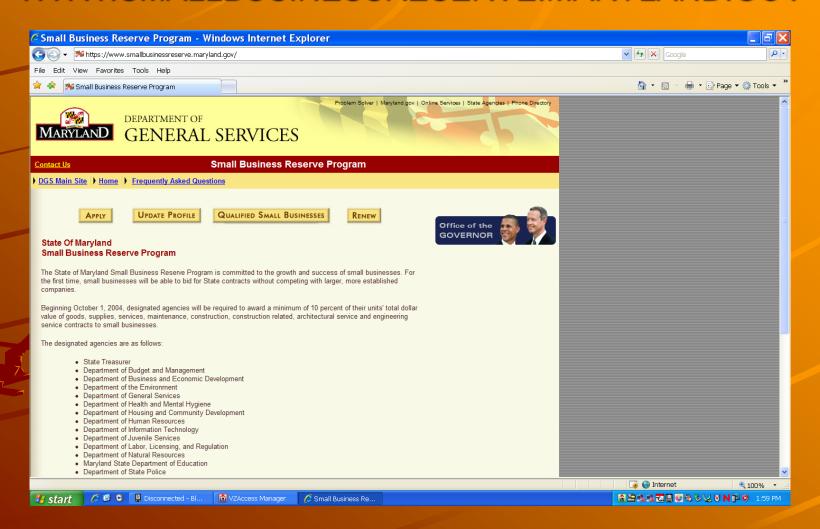
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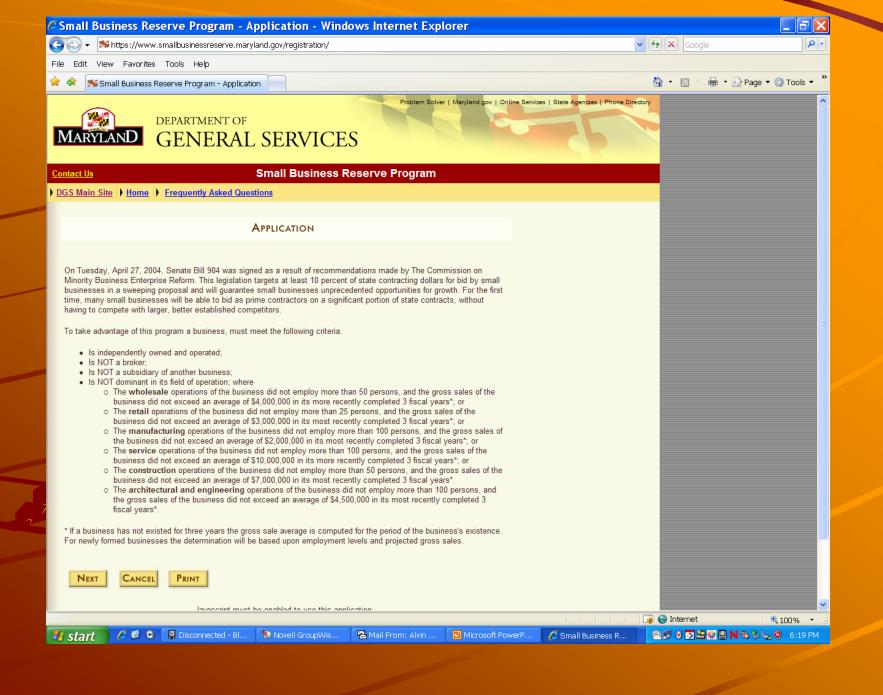
- Registration process can be done online
- No fee to register or participate
- Requires annual renewal
- *Simple easy process

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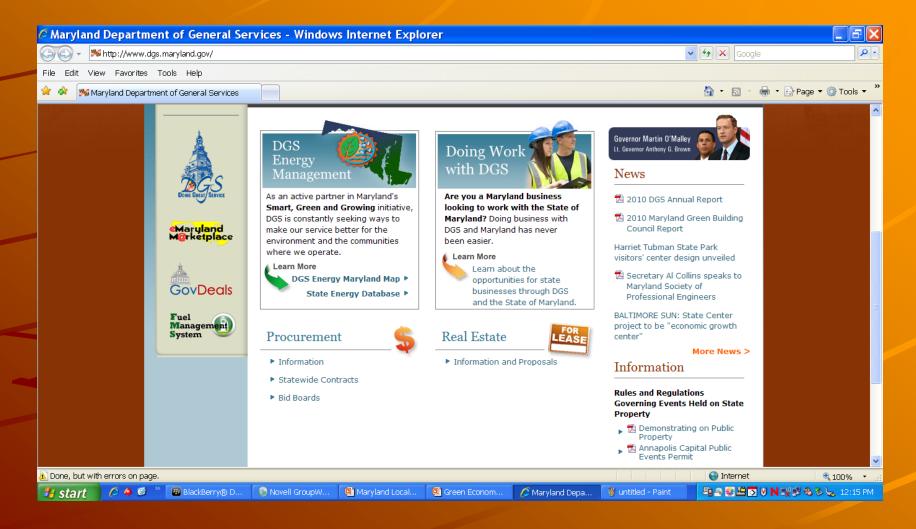
- eMarylandMarketplace
- Online bidding system
- State Procurements >\$15,000
- Many local government solicitations



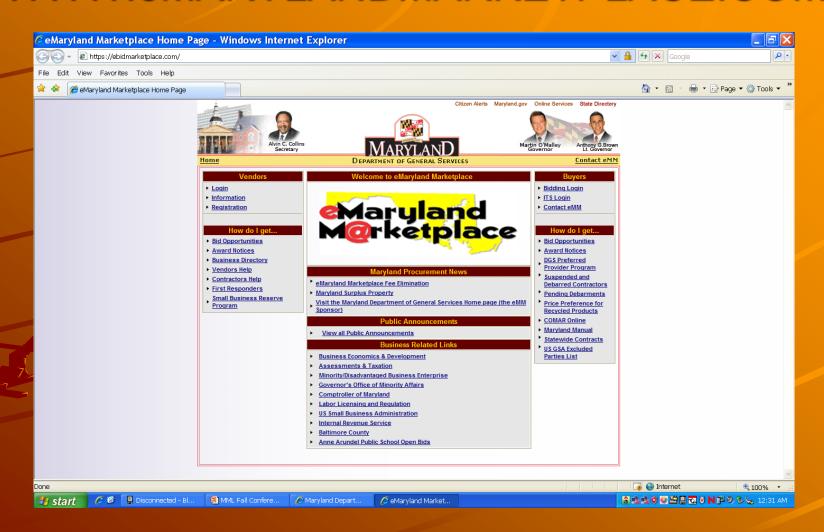
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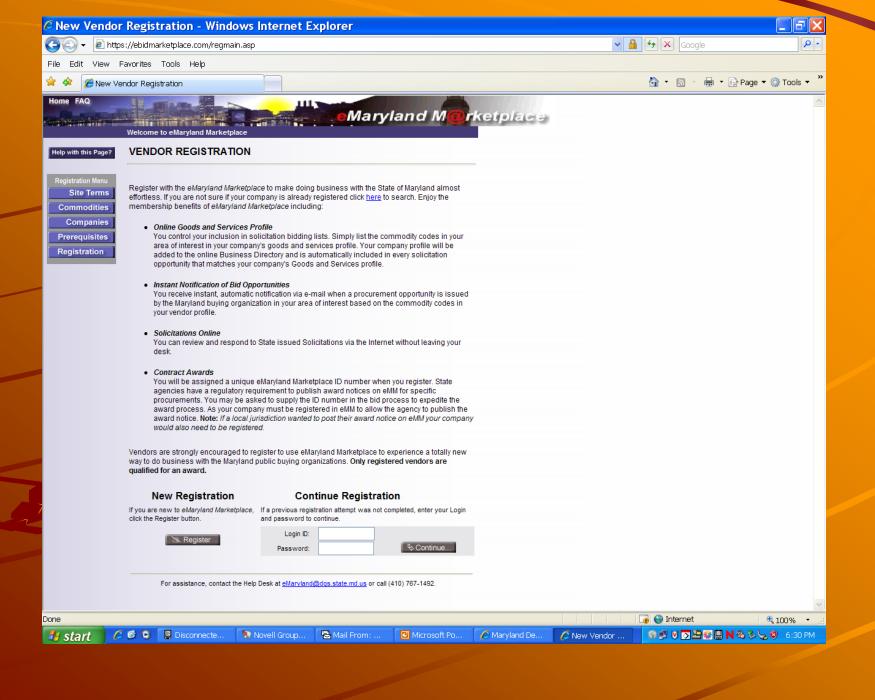
- No Fee to register or participate
- -Registration can be done online
- Email notification of contracting opportunities
- -Review solicitations online
- -Submit bids and documentation
- -Review award notices

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- All contracts in excess of \$15,000 are advertised on eMM.
- <u>www.eMarylandMarketplace.com</u>
- Read the solicitation carefully and completely.
- NEVER take exceptions on an Invitation for Bid -- if you do, it will be rejected as non-responsive.

- Give your best price, we can't "auction".
- * Contact the buyer if you have questions on the solicitation.
- Partner if you don't have all of the in-house expertise or experience.

- Attend Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal
 Conferences, they give you a chance to ask questions, see the potential competition, and may provide teaming opportunities
- *ALWAYS follow up to find out what the other bids were.

- Request a debriefing on Requests for Proposals.
- Educate yourself on bonds, insurance, contract law, and other related areas.
- Always meet your contractual obligations.

- Submit invoices in a timely manner.
- Follow up to find out if the customer was satisfied



QUESTIONS

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